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APPLICANT: John D. Winter, et al.)
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FOR: SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING) Before the Examiner:
AND DEWATERING SLAG FROM) R. Popovics
GASIFICATION EQUIPMENT)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

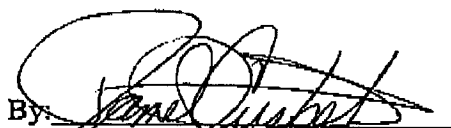
This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 26, 2004. The Examiner contends that: Group I, Claims 108-121 drawn to Gasification System, classified in Class 48, subclass 127.9; and Group II, Claims 147-179, drawn to Conveying Lockhopper, classified in Class 198, subclass 618. Pursuant to MPEP §§806.04, 806.05(c), 806.05(d), 808.01, and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction between Groups I and II.

Accordingly, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 147-179, Group II, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon.

If there are any charges with respect to this Restriction Requirement, or otherwise, please charge them to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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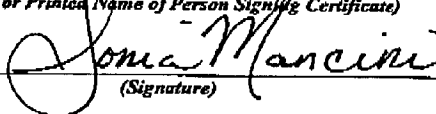
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Invention: SYSTEM FOR WITHDRAWING AND DEWATERING SLAG FROM A GASIFICATION EQUIPMENT

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